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Tutorial “Constitutional Economics”

Time: Mondays, 14-16 hrs. c.t.

Place: HS 3043

Outline

#	Date	Topic, Reading(s)
1	May 9	Justifying government: from anarchy to Leviathan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Bush, Winston C., Mayer, Lawrence S. “Some Implications of Anarchy for the Distribution of Property”, in: Journal of Economic Theory 8 (1974), 401-412.</i>• <i>Hobbes, T., “Leviathan”, Green Dragon in St. Pauls Church-yard, 1651. Chapters: ‘Of the Causes, Generation, and Definition of a Commonwealth’, 103-106, and ‘Of the Rights of Sovereigns by Institution’, 107-114.</i>
2	May 16	Basic aspects of modern constitutional economics <i>van den Hauwe, L., “Constitutional Economics”, in: J. Backhaus (Ed.), Elgar Companion to Law and Economics, 2nd Ed., Cheltenham 2005, 223-238.</i>
3	May 23	The constitutional approach of Knut Wicksell <i>Buchanan, J.M., “The Constitution of Economic Policy”, in: American Economic Review 77(1987), 234-250.</i>

4	May 30	The (non)constitutional perspective of “New political economy” Voigt, S., "Positive Constitutional Economics II: A Survey of Recent Developments", SSRN working paper, March, 12 2009, http://ssrn.com/abstract=1358508 .
5	<u>June 9</u> → swap with lecture	“New political economy” vs. Public Choice Blankart, Ch.B., Koester, G., “Political Economics” versus Public Choice: Two views of political economy in competition” in: <i>Kyklos</i> 59 (2006), 171-200.
6	June 20	Discussion of former exam questions (1/2)
7	June 27	Constitutional reform and economic policy in “New political economy”: a critical review Persson, T., Tabellini, G., “Constitutions and Economic Policy”, in: <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> 18 (2004), 75-98.
8	July 4	Hayekian Selection and Enforcement of (Implicit) Constitutional Norms Andreozzi, L., “Hayek Reads the Literature on the Emergence of Norms” in: <i>Constitutional Political Economy</i> 16 (2005), 227-247.
9	July 11	Evolution vs. Rule Design Kaufmann, S., “Chapter 2: The Structure of Rugged Fitness Landscapes.” In: <i>The Origins of Order</i> . Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1993.
10	July 18	The constitutional dimension of Dixit’s governance approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dixit, A., “Some lessons from transaction-cost politics for less-developed countries”, in: <i>Economics and Politics</i> 15 (2003), 107-130. • Dixit, A., “Governance Institutions and Economic Activity”, in: <i>American Economic Review</i> 99 (2009), 5-24.
11	July 25	Consequences of constitutional rules and constitutional change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voigt, S., “Positive Constitutional Economics: A Survey”, in: <i>Public Choice</i> 90 (1997), 11-53. • Voigt, S., "Positive Constitutional Economics II: A Survey of Recent Developments", SSRN working paper, March, 12 2009, http://ssrn.com/abstract=1358508.
12	Aug. 1	Discussion of former exam questions (2/2) and hints for exam